

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)

Implementation of Pay Telephone)
 Reclassification and Compensation)
 Provisions of the Telecommunications)
 Act of 1996)

CC Docket No. 96-128

Petition for Rulemaking or, in the)
 Alternative, Petition to Address Referral)
 Issues in Pending Rulemaking)

ORDER

Adopted: May 17, 2007

Released: May 17, 2007

Revised Filing Date for Reply Comments: June 13, 2007

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On March 1, 2007, Martha Wright, *et al.* (Petitioners) filed an alternative rulemaking proposal¹ in this proceeding, asking the Commission to establish benchmark rates for long distance prison inmate calling services as an alternative to the approach the Petitioners previously proposed in an earlier petition for rulemaking.² On March 2, 2007, the Commission established a pleading cycle for comments on the Alternative Proposal.³ On March 21, 2007, the Commission granted a Joint Motion to Extend Time, and extended the time to file comments by 30 days and the time to file reply comments by 36 days.⁴ Comments were filed in this proceeding on May 2, 2007, and reply comments ~~are~~ due on May 23, 2007.

2. On May 10, 2007, the Petitioners filed a Motion ~~for~~ Extension of Time to file reply comments.⁵ In support of its motion, the Petitioners explain that the current deadline does not allow enough time for them to study the voluminous record and adequately reply ~~to~~ the opposing comments!

¹ Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Petitioners' Alternative Rulemaking Proposal, CC Docket No. 96-128 (filed Mar. 1, 2007) (Alternative Proposal).

² Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Petition for Rulemaking or, in the Alternative, Petition to Address Referral Issues in Pending Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 96-128 (filed Nov. 3, 2003).

³ *Comment Sought on Alternative Rulemaking Proposal Regarding Issues Related to Inmate Calling Services*, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 96-128, DA 07-961 (WCB rel. Mar. 2, 2007).

⁴ *Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Petition for Rulemaking or, in the Alternative, Petition to Address Referral Issues in Pending Rulemaking*, CC Docket No. 96-128, Order, (WCB rel. Mar. 21, 2007).

⁵ Implementation of Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Motion for Extension of Time, CC Docket No. 96-128 (filed May 10, 2007).

⁶ *Id.* at 2

In addition, the Petitioners believe that an extension of time will better serve the public interest by allowing a more complete and thorough analysis of the comments.⁷ Finally, the Petitioners contend that an extension will not prejudice other parties.⁸ The motion requests that the Commission extend the time for reply comments by three weeks to June 13, 2007.⁹

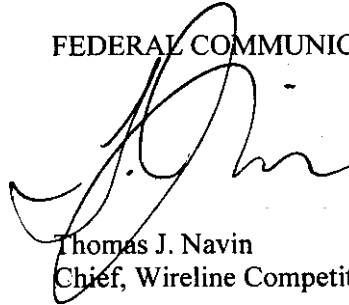
3. We agree that providing additional time to file reply comments will facilitate the development of a more accurate and complete record in this proceeding. We note that it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.¹⁰ Given the number of comments filed in the proceeding and the complexity of the issues that are raised, however, we find that good cause exists to provide all parties an extension of time from May 23, 2007 to June 13, 2007 for filing reply comments in this proceeding.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and section 0.91, 0.291, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, the pleading cycle established in this matter shall be modified as follows:

Reply Comments Due: June 13, 2007

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion for Extension of Time is GRANTED, as set forth herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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⁷ Id. at 2-3.

⁸ Id. at 3.

⁹ Id. at 3.

¹⁰ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).